

Bookplate Collection 1900?-1960?

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Summary Information

Repository	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
Title	Bookplate Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1939-1955
Date [inclusive]	1900-1960s
Extent	18.0 Linear feet 18 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Bookplate Collection contains over 7000 bookplates donated to the Enoch Pratt Free Library over a 30 year period. The Collection features bookplates of notable figures, such as Charles Chaplin, Woodrow Wilson, H. L. Mencken and others. The Collection contains a variety of correspondence, bookplates, proofs and news clippings. Also, included in the correspondence are bookplate exchange letters, which enabled collectors to freely exchange their work with others.</p>

Scope and Contents note

The Bookplate Collection contains more than 7,000 bookplates. Mrs. Bevan donated the bookplates, which are in blue binders, with each bookplate mounted on paper. These binders are not in the best of shape and some of the pages are falling out. They are arranged by part and volume numbers (ex. Part I, Vol. II), starting with armorial bookplates. Four of these volumes deal specifically with Maryland. There is also a bookplate database on the Special Collections share-drive holding more than 1,200 bookplates. The boxes and folders not included in this database are:

Boxes 1-4: contain newsletters, "Bookplates in the News" Boxes 5 & 6: contain bookplates that arrived with correspondence, through a trade Box 10, Folder 61: contains bookplates that arrived with correspondence, through a trade Box 10a: contains Benjamin Barnes Lovett bookplate, four stacks of the same plate Box 12, Folder 73: contains bookplates that arrived with correspondence, through a trade Box 12a-12c: contain Bertha R. Steiner bequests that are duplicated in the Edith R. Bevan volumes Box 13-Folders 76 & 77: contain bookplates that arrived with correspondence, research materials and news clippings Box 14-14f: contain duplicate bookplates from the Edith R. Bevan volumes Box 18: contains bookplate catalogs and oversized materials

This collection also includes the bookplates of notable figures including: Charles Chaplin Woodrow Wilson Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt H.L. Mencken Edwin Tunis Bobby Jones (professional golfer) Frances Folsom Cleveland (wife of President Grover Cleveland) Bernard Steiner

Arrangement note

The collection is not divided into series. There is a box and folder-level container list at the end of this document. The collection contains various materials including actual bookplates, correspondence, news clippings, bookplate catalogs, and proofs. Also, included in the correspondence are bookplate exchange letters. Exchanges were a way for bookplate collectors and designers to freely share their creations or collections with other collectors. The first three boxes of the collection contain a newsletter called, "Bookplates in the News," spanning from 1971 to 1993. "Bookplates in the News," was a quarterly publication put out by the American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers. For those bookplates not in the database, they are arranged alphabetically by the owner of the bookplate.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

Unrestricted, open by appointment.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The Bookplate Collection contains more than 7,000 bookplates donated by various owners over a 30 year period. Edith R. Bevan donated the bulk of the collection, which spans 1939 to 1955. Mrs. Bevan had been a collector of bookplates since 1909 and kept her bookplates in bound, mounted volumes. Also adding to the collection was Miss Bertha R. Steiner, sister of Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, former Enoch Pratt Free Library director. Miss Steiner donated her collection of bookplates during the 1940s, which were then added into the Bevan donation. The Bookplate Collection originally resided in the Fine Arts Department of the Library, until the collection was moved to the Special Collections Department.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers.
- Bookplates in the News.
- Enoch Pratt Free Library. Fine Arts Department.

Genre(s)

- Bookplates
- clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Proofs

Personal Name(s)

- Bevan, Edith R.
- Steiner, Bernard C. (Bernard Christian), 1867-1926
- Steiner, Bertha R.

Subject(s)

- Bookplate catalogs

Bookplates in the News, 1971-76

Collection Inventory

Bookplates in the News, 1971-76	Box	1
Bookplates in the News, 1977-83	Box	2
Bookplates in the News, 1984-93	Box	3
	Box	Folder
Information about bookplates and examples of bookplates	4	1
Bookplate catalogs and checklists (arranged alphabetically by company or artist)	4	2-4
Correspondence-Bonsall	5	5
Correspondence-Cushing	5	6
Correspondence-Gordon	5	7
Correspondence-Hodgdon	5	8
Correspondence-Junge	5	9
Correspondence-Kilbourne	5	10
Correspondence-Law	5	11

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Correspondence-Lorman	5	12
Correspondence-Lovett	5	13
Correspondence-Mann-Smith	5	14
Correspondence-Wilke	5	15
Correspondence-Winslow	5	16
Bookplate Exchange-Burgers	5	17
Bookplate Exchange-Church	5	18
Bookplate Exchange-Fogedgaard	5	19
Bookplate Exchange-Kohler	5	20
Bookplate Exchange-Molina	5	21
Bookplate Exchange-Nippon Ex-Libris Association, 1962, 1967	5	22-23
Bookplate Exchange-Taylor	5	24
Elisha Brown Bird bookplate information (1946)	6	25
R.W. Mindte Donation Information (1955)	6	26

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Nancy Lovett Olive Donation Information (1968)	6	27
Enoch Pratt Free Library Display bookplates	6	28
Ex-Libris bookplates	6	29
Correspondence-Sidney Lawton Smith bookplate gift to Mrs. Bevan	6	30
Gift by Carlyle Baer, March 16, 1960; Personal, Armorial Bookplates, A-L	7	31
Gift by Carlyle Baer, March 16, 1960; Personal, Armorial Bookplates, M-Z	7	32
Bookplates of clubs, associations, schools, etc. and bookplates designed by Elisha Brown Bird	7	33
Bookplates of clubs, associations, schools, etc. and book- plates designed by Elisha Brown Bird, duplicated in the Edith R. Bevan volumes	7	34
Gift by Charles H. Boardman, III	7	35
Gift by Donthe	7	36
Gift by Donthe duplicated in the Edith R. Bevan volumes	7	37
Gift by Captain Samuel Lazarus	7	38

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Gift by Sheppard Pratt Hospital	7	39
Armorial bookplates	8	40
Clubs, Societies, Associations, etc.	8	41
Foreign Bookplates	8	42
Government Agencies	8	43
Libraries	8	44
Schools, Colleges, Universities, etc.	8	45
Valuable Bookplates (as labeled by earlier processor)	8	46
Ungrouped Bookplates	8	47
Cardinal Gibbons bookplate and proofs	9	48
Benjamin Barnes Lovett bookplate	9	49
John Peterson & Son bookplates	9	50
Edgar Williams' bookplates	9	51
Proofs, A-C	9	52

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Proofs, D-H	9	53
Proofs of J. Jameson	9	54
Proofs, L-R	9	55
Proofs, S-Z	9	56
		Box
Miscellaneous bookplates		9a
	Box	Folder
Elisha Brown Bird bookplates	10	57
Elisha Brown Bird proofs	10	58-60
Elisha Brown Bird bookplate and correspondence	10	61
Edwin Davis French bookplates	10	62
Edwin Davis French proofs	10	63
William Fowler Hopson proofs	10	64
William Fowler Hopson bookplates	10	65
		Box

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Benjamin Barnes Lovett bookplate by Edwin Davis French		10a
	Box	Folder
Carl J. Junge bookplates	11	66
Arthur Nelson MacDonald bookplates and proofs	11	67
William Simmons proofs	11	68
Sidney Lawton Smith bookplates	11	69
Sidney Lawton Smith proofs	11	70
J. Winfred Spenceley bookplates	11	71
J. Winfred Spenceley proofs	11	72
Correspondence about Bertha R. Steiner collection	12	73
Bertha R. Steiner Original bookplates	12	74
Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; oversized	12	75
		Box
Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; Parts I-III		12a
Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; Parts IV-V, Vol. 9		12b

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Bertha R. Steiner bequests duplicated in Edith R. Bevan volumes; Parts V, Vol. 10-VIII		12c
	Box	Folder
Edith R. Bevan donation materials (1955)	13	76
News clippings	13	77
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Personal	13	78
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Clubs, Associations, Organizations, etc.	13	79
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Colleges, Universities, Schools, etc., B-N	13	80
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Colleges, Universities, Schools, etc., R-Y	13	81
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Libraries, B-Ma	13	82
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; Libraries, Me-W	13	83
		Box
Edith R. Bevan collection-original bookplates; not mounted		13a
	Box	Folder
Display bookplates-Enoch Pratt Free Library display	14	84

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Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; oversized	14	85
		Box
Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part I, Vols. 1-8		14a
Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part I, Vol. 9-Part 2, Vol. 4		14b
Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part III, Vols. 1-4		14c
Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part IV, Vols. 1-4		14d
Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part V, Vols. 1-8		14e
Edith R. Bevan collection duplicates; Part V, Vols. 9-12 & Part VIII, Vols. 1 & 2		14f
Maryland bookplates		15
Benjamin Barnes Lovett collection, Nos. 1-190		16
Benjamin Barnes Lovett collection, Nos. 191-371		17
	Box	Folder
Proof of bookplate-Hartford Medical Society by Robert Logan, 1924, 2 pcs.	18	86
Proof of bookplate by Gabrielle de Clemente	18	87
Proofs and bookplates by Henry Andre	18	88

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Bookplate catalogs by Stanley O. Bezanson, 1942-1955	18	89
Bookplate catalogs by American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers	18	90
Miscellaneous bookplate catalogs	18	91